

The significance of Open Access
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This paper will discuss the motivations behind Open Access and the role it has in shaping a notion of modern science. Major effects concern the restructuring of what used to be discrete individual steps from idea to creation to publication. The very notion of “publication” is changing, so is the status of the professional activities, such as the librarian, involved in the producing and handling “publications”. The paper also discusses issues in the acceptance mechanisms of Open Access, including issues of finance.